12	3	4	5	6
12. Kerala	7646	4166481	140.252	30.06
13. MadhyaPradesh	7238784	4346-916	2753.02	132845
14. Maharashtra	3099962	400233	164.97	2949
15. Manipur	91013	90999	48.32	206
16. Meghalaya	121297	105732	40.84	2506
17. Mizoram	89314	88940	33.55	640
•18.'Nagaland	70324	69969	12.9	81
19. Orissa	4039440	1018659	355.43	12316
20. Punjab	97734	48022	17.17	566
21. Rajasthan	2861639	2135997	1600.75	18090
22. Sikkim	29921	18234	7.05	154
23. TamilNadu	2145268	1107787	631.-55	7176
24. Tripura	465526	420700	136.65 •	46846
25. Uttar Pradesh	7259441	4082892	1327.14	96132
26. Uttaranchal	336729	173950	74.79	5684
27. West Bengal	8525128	3962326	856.62	44-759
TOTAL:	63078183	31953569	13246.14	613023

Siphoning of money under NREGA

3209. MS. MABEL REBELLO: 3VUltheMinisterofRURALDEVELOPMENT,.be pleased to state: v

(a) whether Government is aware that the Gram Sahayaks are taking almost 25 per cent of the allotted money under NREGA for sanctioning/construction of wells;

(b) the district, block and Panchayat officials siphoned off almost 40 per cent of cash of NREGA projects and in what manner Government propose to eliminate corruption from these projects; and

(c) in what manner Government proposes to rectify this situation of corruption and harassment of tribal beneficiaries by junior officials !ike the BDO and his subordinates who execute NREGA projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Operational Guidelines for NREGA provide that one Gram Rozgar Sahayak (GRS) should be appointed in each Gram Panchayat. Duties of a RS include registration of households, issue of job cards, issue of dated receipt against job application, allocation of work, payment of wages and un-employment allowance, maintenance of records and any other duty prescribed by the State Employment Guarantee Council. His duties of not include sanctioning/construction of wells.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Rural Development requested CAG to undertake performance audit of the implementation of NREGA in 68 phase I districts for the year 2006-2007. Some irregularities have been reported in the implementation of NREGS. These irreyularities mainly relate to procedures such as application for employment, issue of dated resouipts, job card formals, muster rolls, maintenance of record registers. In addition, complaints', have also been received regarding irregularities in the implementation of NREGA. State-wise details of the

complaints along with the action taken by the Ministry thereon have been put on the web site www.nrega.nic.in under the heading 'Complaints'.

To rectify corruption and harassment of beneficiaries under NREGA, Government has taken the following measures:

(1) **Transparency**

(i) Payment of wages through workers accounts in Banks/offices. So far 1,39,63,377 accounts of NREGA workers in Banks/Post Offices have been opened.

(ii) States have been advised to conduct social audit of each and every work of NREGA within three months. Social Audit has been done in 76000 Gram Panchayats.

(iii) A Citi2en Information Board has been introduced. This board is to be displayed at all prominent places. This will enable the local community to know the works being undertaken under NREGA and would also facilitate the process of spreading awareness about the programme.

(2) **Generating Awareness**

Various steps have been taken to generate awareness about NREGA. (i)

Initiatives taken by State Government:

(a) Gram Sabhas and one day orientation of all Sarpanches at the Block level have been held.

(b) leaflets and brochures in local language are being provided.

(c) Village camps have been organized by the District teams and Self help Groups and being associated in the awareness generation.

(ii) **Action taken by the Central Government:**

(a) CAPART has been asked to provide training to the NGOs and Civil Society organisations associated in the awareness generation campaign.

(b) The Government of India has decided to introduce awards to be known as Rozgar Jagrookta Puraskar (Employment awareness awards) to recognize the outstanding contribution by the civil society organisations for promoting effective implementation of NREGA in different States of the country.

(c) Use of media, TV spots, radio jingles, advertisements films.

(d) Development and dissemination of brochures and peoples prirners.

(3) **Vigilance and Monitoring**

(a) Implementation of NREG Act is monitored on regular basis. Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been set up at State as well as district levels. Local MPs are the members of the district Vigilance and Monitoring Committees. Village level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been set up for local monitoring. Members of the Central Employment Guarantee Council also undertake field visits to various districts. National level Monitors and Area Officers visit various districts to over see the; progress of the Act. So far, NLMs have made 331 visits to Phase I and Phase II districts.

(b) Muster Roll varification has to be done in a campaign mode and consolidated reports sent to the Ministry. So far, 4621120 Muster rolls have been varified. 35,36,054 Muster rolls have been placed on the website.

(4) Regular Review of NREGA

(i) Review with State Governments

(a) During the year 2007-2008, four Regional Review Committee meetings have been held to cover review of all States. These were held at Bhubaneswar (16-17 September, 07), Jaipur (24-25 September, 07), Guwahati (9-10 October, 07) and New Delhi (17-17 January, 08)

(b) Review meeting with State Secretaries (Rural Development) of all States was held on 18.12.07 in Delhi.

(c) Ameeting with State Secretaries (RD) of all States was held in Delhi in January, 2008.

(ii) State specific reviews

Five State specific review meetings have been held. These were with the Government of Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(iii) Interaction with representatives of people

Progress of NREGA was reviewed in the interactive session with Members of Parliament held during 20th-23th August, 2007 and 5th-6th September, 2007.

(5) MIS

A comprehensive Web-based MIS *www.nrega.nic.in* has been implemented which places all data in public domain. Details of 2,56,74,292 Job Cards and 35,36,054 Muster rolls have been placed on the website.

Toilet facilities in villages

† 3210. SHRI SHREEGOPAL WAS:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in the country where toilet facilities are available;

(b) the details of these villages, State-wise; and

(c) the argets fixed for this purpose in the Eleventh Five Years Plan with the help of State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) The Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) of Government of India aims to provide access to toilets to each rural household in a district. The TSC is being implemented with a district as unit. Village level data is not maintained at the Centre.

' (c) The Strategy of TSC is to make the programme 'community led' and 'people centered' A "demand driven approach" has been adopted with increased emphasis on awareness

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.